

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
WALTER W. STIDWELL, D.D.S.)	
1226 Duff Avenue)	
Ames, IA 50010)	NOTICE OF HEARING
License #5472)	
Respondent)	

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2003, the Board found probable cause to file a Statement of Charges against you. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 153, and 272C (2001), and 650 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 51. A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached, and sets forth the particular statutes and rules which you are alleged to have violated, and further provides a short and plain statement of the matters asserted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a disciplinary contested case hearing be held upon the Statement of Charges on April 16, 2003, before the full Board or a panel of the Board. The hearing shall begin at 1:00 p.m. and shall be located in the Conference Room, Iowa Board of Dental Examiners at 400 SW 8th Street, Ste D, Des Moines, Iowa. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge

make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the Board at hearing.

Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served with the Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing, you are required by 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.12(2) to file an Answer to the Charges. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will require an adjustment of the date and time of the hearing.

At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the Charges against you. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 650 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 51.

The office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address:


Theresa O'Connell Weeg
Assistant Attorney General
Iowa Attorney General's Office
2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319
Phone (515) 281-6858

If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.22.

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 650 Iowa Administrative Code

51.19. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact
Constance L. Price, Executive Director, at 515-281-5157.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2003.


LEROI I STROHMAN, D.D.S.
Chairperson
Iowa Board of Dental Examiners
400 SW 8th Street, Ste. D
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- 1) The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 153 and 272C (2001).
- 2) On July 1, 1966, Walter W. Stidwell, D.D.S., the Respondent, was issued license number 5472 by the Board to engage in the practice of dentistry, subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and the rules of the Board.
- 3) License number 6663 is current and on active status until June 30, 2004.

COUNT I

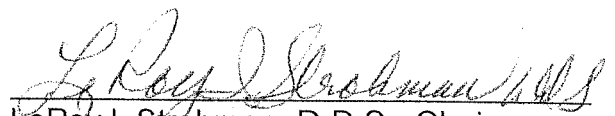
The Respondent is charged with violating the rules of this chapter when he engaged in the practice of dentistry in Iowa after failing to renew his dental license following its expiration, in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code Section 14.4(2).

THE CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in the state of Iowa on July 1, 1966, and was issued license #5472.

2. Pursuant to 650 Iowa Administrative Code Section 14.1, a license to practice dentistry expires on June 30 of every even-numbered year and must be renewed biennially.
3. The Respondent was sent an application for renewal in May of 2002, and a second notice of non-renewal in June of 2002.
4. The Respondent failed to renew his dental license prior to September 1st, 2002, which caused his license to lapse and become invalid.
5. Pursuant to 650 Iowa Administrative Code Section 14.4(2), a licensee whose license has lapsed and becomes invalid is prohibited from the practice of dentistry.
6. The Respondent continued to practice dentistry after September 1st, 2002, with an invalid license.
7. The Respondent's dental license was reinstated on October 21st, 2002.

On this 24th day of January, 2003, the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order a hearing in this case.


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